

Withdrawn:

The following amendments were offered, but subsequently withdrawn:

The Watts of Oklahoma substitute amendment to the agreed-to Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to limit to 30 percent of income the maximum rent that any elderly or disabled family could be required to pay for public housing;

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to require HUD to set aside \$195 million of tenant-based rental assistance to homeless families with children of families participating in programs related to welfare initiatives;

Pages H4694–95

The Clerk was authorized to correct section members, references, punctuation, and indentation, and to make any other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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Subsequently, S. 1260, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu, after being amended to contain the language of the House bill as passed. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill. H.R. 2406 was laid on the table.

House then insisted on its amendments to S. 1260 and asked a conference. appointed as conferees; Representatives Leach, Lazio, Bereuter, Baker of Louisiana, Castle, Gonzalez, Vento, and Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Pages H4738–53

Presidio Properties: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayers; and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young of Alaska, Hansen, Allard, Hayworth, Cubin, Miller of California, Richardson, and Vento.

Pages H4755–56

**Adoption of Minority Children:** It was made in order that, during the consideration of H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption cost, and to promote the adoption of minority children, pursuant to H. Res. 428, notwithstanding the order of the previous question, it may be in order immediately after initial debate on the bill, as amended, for the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill until the following legislative day, on which consideration may resume at a time designated by the Speaker.

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**Product Liability:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 162, the House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

Subsequently, the message and the bill were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pages H4756–64

**Government Civilian Science Activities:** House agreed to H. Res. 427, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3322, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for civilian science activities of the Federal Government.

Pages H4764–66

**Adoption of Minority Children:** House completed all general debate on H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children. Consideration of amendments will begin on Friday, May 10.

Pages H4775–85

H. Res. 428, providing for the consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H4766–75

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4754.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4661–62, H4675–76, H4731–32, H4732, H4734, H4736–37, H4737–38, and H4764. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Secretary of Commerce, the SEC, and the Department of State Under Secretary for Management. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, Acting Secretary of Commerce; Richard M. Moose, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State; and Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on D.C. Finances. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Chief Financial Officer; and Angela L. Avant, Inspector General; and a public witness.

### LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Howard University the Special Institutions for the Disabled, and on the Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from H. Patrick

Swygert, President, Howard University; and the following officials of the Department of Education: Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Tuck Tinsley, III, President, American Printing House for the Blind; James D. DeCaro, Dean and Interim Director, National Technical Institute for the Deaf; I. King Jordan, President, Gallaudet University; and Richard W. Riley, Secretary.

#### **VETERANS AFFAIRS—HUD— INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

#### **CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION**

*Committee on the Budget:* Began markup of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 1997.

#### **OVERSIGHT—INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRADE ISSUES**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held an oversight hearing on International Telecommunications Trade Issues. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, FCC; and public witnesses.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE WHITE HOUSE TRAVEL OFFICE**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Ordered reported, by a vote of 27 ayes to 19 nays, a resolution concerning proceedings against John M. Quinn, David Watkins and Matthew Moore, pursuant to Title 2, U.S. Code, Sections 192 and 194.

#### **OVERSIGHT—AID**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Rush, Jr., Inspector General, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; AFGHANISTAN**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 154, to congratulate the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of its first Presidential democratic election.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Afghanistan: Peace or Civil War? Testimony was heard

from Robin L. Raphel, Assistant Secretary, South Asian Affairs, Department of State; John L. Moore, Defense Intelligence Officer, Mid-East/South Asia and Terrorism, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

#### **ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing regarding economic espionage. Testimony was heard from Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### **RECOVERY OF MINERALS—DOMESTIC TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3249, to authorize appropriations for a mining institute to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the nation's seabed. Testimony was heard from Representative Wicker; Tom Kitsos, Director, Office of International Activities and Marine Minerals, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2908, Domesticated Salmonid Broodstock and Seedstock Act of 1996; H.R. 2939, Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Agreement Act of 1996; and H.R. 1112, to transfer management of the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge to the State of Oklahoma. Testimony was heard from Representatives Brewster, Hastings of Washington and Gunderson; the following officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior: Nancy Kaufman, Regional Director; and Gary Edwards, Assistant Director for Fisheries; Don Luchsinger, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; Greg D. Duffy, Director, Department of Wildlife Conservation, State of Oklahoma; Gary Myers, Director, Wildlife Resources Agency, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2636, to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 3006, to provide for disposal of public lands in support of the Manzanar Historic Site in the State of California. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of California and Matsui; Denis Galvin, Associate Director, Planning Professional Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 providing two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration. The rule makes in order the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and all points of order are waived against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and the amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that, except as specified in section 4 of the resolution, amendments will be considered only in the order and manner specified in the report. Except as otherwise provided in the report, amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes divided between the proponent and an opponent. Amendments shall be considered as read and are not amendable (except pro forma amendments offered by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security). The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report or those described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides for an extra 40 minutes of debate on Cooperative Threat Reduction with the former Soviet Union (part A). The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee on National Security or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments in part B of the report or germane modifications thereto, which shall be considered as read except that modifications shall be reported, shall be debatable for 20 minutes divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on National Security or their designees and which shall not be subject to amendment or demand for a division of the question. The rule provides that, for the purpose of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the en bloc amendments.

The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes on any amendment and to reduce to 5 minutes the time for voting after the first of a series of votes provided that the first vote is not less than 15 minutes. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole is permitted to recog-

nize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report out of the order in which printed, but not sooner than one hour after the Chairman of the Committee on National Security or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representatives Dornan, Hefley, Saxton, Torkildsen, Watts of Oklahoma, Scarborough, Longley, Hastings of Washington, Smith of New Jersey, Bilirakis, Kolbe, Shays, Upton, Stearns, Klug, Hoke, Horn, Mica, Chenoweth, Foley, Martini, Neumann, Bunn of Oregon, Dellums, Skelton, Spratt, Pickett, Evans, Taylor of Mississippi, Harman, McHale, Peterson of Florida, DeLauro, Rose, Oberstar, Miller of California, Markey, Frank of Massachusetts, Traficant, Moran, Waters, Farr, Velázquez, McKinney, Luther, Jackson-Lee of Texas and Furse.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; PENDING  
SURVEY RESOLUTIONS AND  
PROSPECTUSES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following: H.R. 3029, to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse"; H.R. 3134, to designate the U.S. Courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3d Avenue, Portland, OR, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse"; H. Con. Res. 153, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; and H.R. 3159, amended, National Transportation Safety Board Amendments of 1996.

The Committee also approved the following: 10 courthouse construction resolutions; 2 nonconstruction resolutions; and 20 water resource survey resolutions.

## COAST GUARD MISSIONS'

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard Missions' Review Acquisitions, Research and Development, and Domestic and International Icebreaking. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Capt. Fred Squires, USCG, Deputy Chief, Office of Acquisition; RAdm. Edward J. Barrett, USCG, Chief, Systems Directorate; and RAdm. Rudy K. Perschel, USCG, Chief, Office of Navigation Safety; and public witnesses.

## REPEAL FUEL TAX INCREASE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

to repeal the 4.3 cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 3161, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Romania; and a measure to make technical amendments in trade laws.

#### INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ACT

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 3237, Intelligence Community Act.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1996

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to hold hearings on S. 1317, to repeal the Public Utility

Holding Act of 1935 and transfer certain regulatory functions from the Securities and Exchange Commission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Public Service Commissions of various States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* business meeting, to mark up S. 704, to establish the Gambling Impact Study Commission, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Small Business,* to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to Small Business Investment Company reform, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

##### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 9 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, oversight hearing on the GSA, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on Food Safety: Oversight of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.